

CTTAB
January 10, 2005 Minutes
City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower
27th Floor, 700 – Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Present Leah Altaras Bill Baron Maryann Budlong Paul Green Harry Hart, III Damien Koemans Andrea Lee Manny Ovena Ann Robinson Nina Sanders Excused Charles Brennick Shivani Tejuja	Absent Todd Achilles Pwint Htun Huat Chye Lim Jerry Lin Visitors Martha Lester Ken Meyer Staff David Keyes Jill Novik Tony Perez Bill Schrier
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1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

The December, 2005 minutes were approved. The agenda approved as amended to reflect that the presentation on the ArtsZone would be postponed due to technical difficulties. Newly appointed member Leah Altaras was introduced.

Report from the Chair: Budlong noted that CTTAB has a lot of work First Quarter, although it is unclear how the departure of Councilmember Compton will affect the board. She solicited new committee chairs for Broadband/wi-fi and Emerging Technologies and Baron and Hart volunteered to chair those respective committees. She said that if the franchise funding for the youth civic engagement project gets approved, she would like CTTAB to work with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, and thereby initiate the process of reaching out to other boards and commissions.

2. Director's Report: Bill Schrier

See attached.

3. Community Technology: David Keyes

Community Technology: David Keyes summarized the evaluation of the Technology Matching Fund program. The evaluation looked at whom the projects serve and what impact our grants have for individual users, for organizational capacity and for community capacity building. This evaluation includes a typology

of technical and life skill goals for telecentre/community technology center participants. In brief the evaluation found that the Fund is reaching diverse, appropriate communities. The use of volunteers made a significant difference and has brought projects additional resources. Capacity of staff and the organizations are stronger. There is a need (and cost) for greater individual impact data. The evaluation will be used to improve the reporting forms for new TMF grantees. The executive summary is available at Seattle.gov/tech/TMF-report-exec-summary.pdf and the full report is at Seattle.gov/tech/TMF-report-final.pdf. He also announced that the deadline for 2006 is March 20. Applications will be available at the end of January, with an information session at the end of February. [Note: It is now set for February 27th at 6 pm at Yesler Community Center]

4. Committee Reports:

SeaStats: According to Terry Wittman, the project was going to be launched to the public in the Mayor's State of the City speech in early February. That date is being moved to sometime in March, providing project staff with a bit of breathing room to tune up the application. Council letter: It was agreed to have another round of board review. *Action: authorize the committee to move forward to submit final letters to City Council members.*

5. Cable Office Report

Franchise negotiations: It is expected that the franchise will be transmitted to City Council in late January or February, with no action taken until at least March. There will be at least one public hearing and Councilmember Licata indicated an interest in having CTTAB's assistance with the hearings. Once Council has the document we will ask the Franchise Renewal committee to reconvene to review the document and prepare comments.

Broadband project: Perez noted that the consultants are working and should have their report completed in time for the City to advertise a Request for Interest (RFI) in April. Budlong suggested advertising widely, in such publications as the Asian Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, and the Economist. Any board members with other suggestions for advertising should contact Tony or Jill. To date, Tony and Jill have been meeting with vendors and departments, to identify assets and resources the City can contribute to the broadband network. We are also investigating potential municipal applications and board members with ideas about these should please contact staff.

Federal legislation: Tony and Jill have been working on these issues to make sure our Congressional delegation understands Seattle's needs and the impacts of various proposals.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

WEB WWW.SEATTLE.GOV AND COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- SPD's sex offender web site was launched; there is a link from the SPD home page at <http://www.seattle.gov/Police/default.htm>. We are keeping it low profile and will not highlight it on the main Seattle.gov home page for now because SPD wants to give it a chance to be "live" for a while without a lot of publicity.
- The December edition of Brainstorm, the City of Seattle community technology ezine, is now online. It includes a piece, with a link, to the Mayor's blog on climate change. Find it here: <http://seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm>.
- Two Tech Matching Fund grantees, Horn of Africa and the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI), have received funding for three year projects from the Communities Connect program/Gates Foundation. This will enable Horn to develop workforce training for immigrants and LIHI to enhance educational services for their homeless transitional residents. In addition, the Puget Sound Alliance for Community Technology (PSACT) is receiving a small grant to pilot employment readiness assessment software in six labs.
- Delridge, Rainier Beach, Garfield and the TechNet consortium have been approved for small grants (\$5-10,000 each) from the Associated Recreation Centers (ARC) advisory council opportunity fund to assist with lab staffing and some development. Technology Access Foundation (TAF) will start its TechStart program for middle schoolers at Rainier Beach in spring and likely at Garfield Community Center as well.

SEATTLE CHANNEL NEWS

This week's City Inside/Out on the Seattle Channel focuses on the Council president contest and CM Compton's replacement. CMs Conlin and Godden will appear in separate interviews about the presidency, and CMs Drago and Licata will discuss the replacement process.

WI-FI PROJECT STATUS

WiFi pilot project service continues to operate consistently and reliably, as it has for the past two months, (except in Freeway Park where a street light outage is causing problems – the Wi-Fi device is powered by the street light) and we continue to monitor the sites. We will test "relay" equipment in several locations in Columbia City and the U District. This equipment should help to get the WiFi signals to penetrate from the street deeper into buildings thereby helping laptops to connect (laptops have small antennas and less signal power). If this is successful, we will provide information to business owners that will help them buy and install their own relay equipment. We're working with the business associations on this project.

CONSOLIDATION OF SUPPORT FOR IT IN CITY GOVERNMENT

- This initiative will consolidate the staff and budgets supporting infrastructure into the Department of Information Technology in 2007. DoIT has about 200 employees now; about 100 would transfer from other departments. About 300 would remain in departments to do IT applications.
- We will hire an organizational development consultant this week to help define a plan to transition 100 employees and build a new departmental culture.
- We will, by the end of January, hire a consultant to help us write a business plan and answer City Council questions regarding the consolidation. Council must approve the consolidation as part of the 2007-8 budget in the Autumn of 2006.